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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM CEASE-FIRE WEEKLY ASSESSMENT, JUNE 12 -
JUNE 18, 1974

PART I - SUMMARY

1. THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY IN MR-1, WITH FIGHTING HEAVIEST IN QUANG TIN AND QUANG NGAI. TERRORISM CONTINUES IN QUANG NAM, AS DOES HARASSMENT OF REFUGEES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN MR-1. PRESSURE PERSISTS AGAINST THE KEY TAM KY-TIEN PHUOC ROAD IN QUANG TIN, AND TAM KY CITY ITSELF WAS TWICE ROCKETTED (122 MM). THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING IN MONTHS WAS REPORTED FROM EASTERN MO DUC DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI-- THE SITE OF AN EXTENSIVE GVN PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN OVER RECENT MONTHS. GASOLINE ECONOMY HAS REDUCED INDONESIAN/IRANIAN OBSERVATIONS IN ICCS REGION II. IN MR-2, MILITARY ACTIVITY MAINTAINED THE DOWNWARD TREND BEGUN FOUR WEEKS AGO. THERE IS CONTINUED CONCERN OVER THE THREAT TO THE TWO ISOLATED GVN BASES IN KONTUM, WHERE BAD WEATHER HAS DELAYED AIR EVACUATION OF NONCOMBATANTS. THE VO DINH OPERATION IN KONTUM IS STALLED FOR THE THIRD WEEK. IN BINH DINH, RVNAF'S NAVAL-GROUND-AIR OPERATION HAS REPORTEDLY RETAKEN FOUR OF FIVE VC-HELD COASTAL VILLAGES IN PHU MY DISTRICT. IN MR-3, THE NVA/VC HAVE SUSTAINED WIDESPREAD HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY ACTIVITY, HIGHLIGHTED BY A SIX-DAY ROADBLOCK ON QL-1 IN EASTERN LONG KHANH, HEAVY ATTACKS NEAR ROUTE 22 SOUTH OF TAY NINH CITY, AND STIFF RESISTANCE IN THE BEN CAT AREA. REFUGEES ARE NOW RETURNING TO BEN CAT TOWN, BUT CONCENTRATED NVA ARTILLERY FIRE HAS FORCED WITHDRAWAL OF ARVN ARMOR IN FAVOR OF A SLOWER INFANTRY OPERATION TO ROOT OUT DUG-IN NVA AROUND OP 82 AND RACH BAP. IN MR-4, THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, THOUGH NOT IN THE INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING. IN THE NORTHERN DELTA, ENEMY ATTENTION HAS SHIFTED TO INFILTRATION OF SUPPLIES, WITH AN INCREASE IN FIGHTING ALONG INFILTRATION ROUTES. ACTIVITY OF ALL TYPES INCREASED IN THE VINH LONG-VINH BINH BOUNDARY AREA. THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN PHONG DINH REMAINS UNSTABLE. ACTIVITY INCREASED SHARPLY IN BAC LIEU, AS DID ENEMY HIT-AND-RUN ATTACKS IN BA XUYEN.

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2. IN BOTH THE TPJMC AND FPJMT, THE PRG LABELED THE GVN JUNE 7 FULL REINSTATEMENT OF ITS PRIVILEGES INADEQUATE AND PRESENTED FOR GVN SIGNATURE A NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT ON P & I WHICH WOULD VASTLY EXPAND AND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEE COMMUNIST PREROGATIVES THROUGHOUT THE RVN. DECLARING ITS ACCEPTANCE A PREREQUISITE FOR NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF BOTH FORA, THE COMMUNISTS WALKED OUT WHEN THE GVN AGREED ONLY TO DISCUSS P & I BUT DISMISSED A NEW AGREEMENT AS UNNECESSARY. THE PRG WILL ATTEND

THE JUNE 21 TPJMC MEETING BUT PRG AND DRV MAY BOYCOTT THE FPJMT ON JUNE 20. THE US EMBASSY ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THIS LATEST DRV OBSTRUCTION OF FPJMT. THE US HAS MADE AN ADDITIONAL \$1.2 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1974-75 ICCS BUDGET.

PART II - ICCS

3. WHILE THE HUNGARIAN CHAIRMAN FOR JUNE CONTINUED TO STALL ON APPROACHING THE DRV AND "PRG" FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ICCS, THE USG ON JUNE 15 DELIVERED A CHECK FOR -1.2 MILLION TO THE ICCS BUT SPECIFIED THAT ALL OF IT MUST BE USED TO REDUCE THE BILLS OWED TO CONTRACTORS.

PART III - TPJMC

4. AT THE JUNE 14 MEETING, THE GVN'S GENERAL HIEP URGED THAT THE TPJMC GET ON WITH IMPORTANT MATTERS. IN AN EFFORT TO BE CONCILIATORY AND TO ELICIT A POSITIVE "PRG" RESPONSE, HIEP OFFERED TO DISCUSS THE CEASE-FIRE AND FURTHER PRISONER RELEASES IN THE CONTEXT OF A GVN RESPONSE TO THE TWO OF THE PRG'S SIX POINTS WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION IN THE TPJMC RATHER THAN IN PARIS. HE NOTED THAT THE PRG HAD NOT YET REALLY RESPONDED TO HIS JANUARY FOUR-POINT CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL AND HIS MARCH TWO-PHASE (TWO MONTH) PRISONER RELEASE PROPOSAL, SUGGESTED THAT THOSE PROPOSALS BE THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, AND REQUESTED THAT THE PRG REVIEW THEM SERIOUSLY.

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5. THE PRG'S GENERAL TUAN IGNORED HIEP'S OVERTURE AND REITERATED THAT THE TPJMC WOULD BE ABLE TO RESUME ITS NORMAL ACTIVITIES ONLY WHEN THE GVN AGREES TO ENSURE FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF P & I, STOPS ACTS OF SABOTAGE, ADOPTS A SERIOUS ATTITUDE IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND RESPONDS TO THE PRG SIX POINTS. HE LABELED THE GVN REINSTATEMENT OF P & I ON JUNE 7 AS "NOT SERIOUS AND UNACCEPTABLE." HE DEMANDED A GUARANTEE OF P & I AS A GVN OBLIGATION UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND PRESENTED FOR GVN SIGNATURE A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON P& I WHICH WOULD GREATLY EXPAND THE PRG'S PRESENT PREROGATIVES AND GUARANTEE THE PRG DELEGATION AND ITS MEMBERS TREATMENT THROUGHT THE RVN EQUAL TO THAT ACCORDED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND PERSONNEL WHICH REPRESENT ACTUAL SOVEREIGN STATES.

6. HIEP ACCEPTED THE PRG DRAFT FOR STUDY, BUT OBSERVED THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR SUCH A DOCUMENT AND THAT ANY QUESTIONS ON P & I ARE CERTAINLY MINOR BY COMPARISON WITH ISSUES CONNECTED WITH THE CEASE-FIRE AND COULD BE DEALT WITH BY A SUB-COMMISSION WHILE THE PLENARY PROCEEDS WITH MORE URGENT BUSINESS.

7. THE JUNE 18 MEETING COVERED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME GROUND, WITH

HIEP STATING THAT P & I COULD BE DISCUSSED BUT THAT HE COULD SIGN NO UNNECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TUAN REITERATING THAT THE GVN'S COMPLIANCE WITH PRG DEMANDS IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE NORMAL WORK OF THE JMC AT ANY LEVEL. AFTER BOTH SIDES HAD SPOKEN, TUAN DECLARED THAT CONTINUING THE MEETING WAS FUTILE, AND ADJOURNED IT WITH A DEMAND THAT THE GVN RECONSIDER AND BE PREPARED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON P & I AT THE JUNE 21 MEETING.

PART IV - FPJMT

8. THE DRV/PRG RETURNED TO THE FPJMT ON JUNE 13 WITH THE SOLE AIM OF DISCUSSING PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES; DECLARING THAT THE GVN'S FULL REINSTATEMENT OF ALL PRIVILEGES WHICH THEY HAD ENJOYED PRIOR TO APRIL 16 WAS INADEQUATE. THE RVN, AS HOST, PROPOSED THAT THE FPJMT GET ON WITH THE TASKS PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 8 (B) AND RENEWED ITS PROPOSAL FOR AN FPJMT VISIT TO THE NLF CEMETERY AT QUI NHON. THE US DELEGATION PRESENTED UPDATED LISTS OF 1,100 US MIAS ON WHOM IT SOUGHT INFORMATION AND 1,200 US DEAD-BODIES-
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NOT-RECOVERED AND REQUESTED AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THIS LIST. AT THE REQUEST OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY, THE US ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON FOUR BRITISH MIAS. THE DRV/PRG DECLARED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS ANY ARTICLE 8 (B) SUBJECTS UNTIL P & I WERE PROPERLY GUARANTEED, INSISTED THAT P & I MUST BE DISCUSSED BY DELEGATION CHIEFS, AND ADVISED THAT THE "PRG" WOULD PRESENT DETAILED PROPOSALS ON P & I ON JUNE 18.

9. AS HOST ON JUNE 18, THE "PRG" IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT FORTH THE SAME DRAFT AGREEMENT GREATLY EXPANDING THEIR P & I WHICH IT HAD PRESENTED TO THE GVN AT THE JUNE 14 TPJMC MEETING (SEE PART III). THE RVN REJECTED THE DRAFT ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY AND COULD NOT BE TABLED WITHOUT THE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF THE FOUR PARTIES. THE DRV/PRG AGAIN REJECTED US REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON US AND BRITISH MIAS AND THE GVN-PROPOSED CEMETERY VISIT, STATING THAT THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THEIR ATTENDANCE WAS TO DISCUSS P & I. THE DRV/PRG ALSO REJECTED THE GVN PROPOSAL (SUPPORTED BY THE US) THAT P & I BE REFERRED TO THE DELEGATION SECRETARIES AND THE PRG UNILATERALLY "ADJOURNED" THE MEETING.

10. THE US EMBASSY RESPONDED TO THIS LATEST DRV/PRG DISRUPTION OF THE FPJMT WITH A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE DRV FOR EXPLOITING THE HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE OF THE FPJMT FOR PROPAGANDA, FOR SYSTEMATICALLY BREAKING ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AND FOR WANTING TO HAGGLE OVER PRIVILEGES WHILE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION CONTINUE.

PART V - COMMUNIST MEDIA COMMENT

11. HANOI LINKS RECONSTRUCTION AID, COOPERATION ON MIAS. IN A JUNE 16 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BROADCAST (SEE FBIS OKINAWA 161820 JUNE 74) HANOI RADIO PROVIDED THE MOST DIRECT PUBLIC INDICATION

THUS FAR THAT THE DRV WANTS US RECONSTRUCTION AID AS THE QUID PRO QUO FOR COMMUNIST COOPERATION ON THE MIA PROBLEM. THE BROADCAST ASSERTED THAT, WHILE THE PARIS AGREEMENT GAVE THE US "THE RIGHT TO CLEAR UP THE BATTLEFIELD", IT ALSO OBLIGED THE US "TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND THE REBUILDING OF THE COUNTRY IT HAD DEVASTATED." HOWEVER, THE BROADCAST CONTINUED, "NIXON AND KISSINGER...ONLY DEMAND THE OTHERS TO GO FIND THE CORPSES AND GET INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN TROOPS KILLED OR MISSING WHILE OPENLY REFUSING TO DO THEIR DUTY TO HEAL THE WAR WOUNDS IN FURTHERANCE OF ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT."
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12. COMMUNISTS CLAIM US PLANE DOWNED. A JUNE 18 LIBERATION RADIO BROADCAST (SEE FBIS SAIGON 180402 JUNE 74) CLAIMED THAT AN UNMANNED US RECONNAISSANCE PLANE HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY COMMUNIST FORCES ON JUNE 16 IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE BROADCAST ASSERTED THAT THE EVENT CONSTITUTED "UNDENIABLE PROOF" THAT THE US IS "CONTINUING ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT" IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

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PART VI - MR-1

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

ACCORDING TO I CORPS HEADQUARTERS THERE WERE 181 COMMUNIST
CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS LAST WEEK. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS SOME
INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, SINCE THE AVERAGE
NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS FOR THE PRECEEDING THREE WEEKS WAS 150.
FIGHTING WAS HEAVIEST SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, THE GREATEST
IN QUANG TIN AND THEN IN QUANG NGAI. VNAF AGAIN FLEW AIR STRIKES
IN QUANG TIN. GVN CASUALTIES: 73 KIA, 411 WIA. NVA/VC LOSSES:
116 KIA, 3 RETURNEES.

2. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

IN QUANG TRI THERE WAS NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OF NOTE. IN THUA
THIEN ON JUNE 12 THE ENEMY ATTACKED 6 STRONGPOINTS OF THE AIR-
BORNE, ONLY TWO OF WHICH HAVE BEEN RECAPTURED. ON JUNE 17
THE ENEMY MINED THE RAILROAD IN TWO PLACES AND ALTHOUGH DAMAGE
WAS NOT GREAT, TRAFFIC IS INTERRUPTED.

3. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

IN QUANG NAM IN DUC DUC DISTRICT ON JUNE 12 THE COMMUNISTS ABDUCTED 39 CIVILIANS AND BURNED 4 HOUSES IN SON PHUC VILLAGE, AND ON JUNE 17 THEY THREW A SACHEL CHARGE INTO SON KHUONG VILLAGE OFFICE, KILLING A SOLDIER AND WOUNDING FOUR CIVILIANS. THE ENEMY ONCE AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY CAU LAU BRIDGE ON Q.L. 1 IN DUY XUYEN DISTRICT, BUT THE RAFT LADEN WITH 120 KILOS OF EXPLOSIVES WAS DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED BY AN RF COMPANY.

4. IN QUANG TIN THE MAJOR GVN EFFORT CONTINUED TO BE THE PROTECTION OF THE TAM KY-TIEN PHUOC DISTRICT ROAD. TO THIS END CBMBAT AIR STRIKES WERE MADE FOR THE SIXTH SUCCESSIVE WEEK. THE ROAD'S CAPTURE BY THE ENEMY WOULD SERIOUSLY THREATEN BOTH TIEN PHUOC AND HAU DUC DISTRICTS. TAM KY CITY ITSELF WAS HIT BY 122MM ROCKET ATTACKS ON BOTH 16 AND 17 JUNE. THE FIRST ATTACK SET AFIRE A FUEL DUMP AND 54,000 LITERS OF OIL WERE DESTROYED. IN THE SECOND ATTACK ONE ROUND HIT WITHIN 15 METERS OF THE PROVINCE
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CHEIF'S OFFICE AND ALSO BLEW OUT WINDOWS IN THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. ON JUNE 15 ENEMY TROOPS ATTACKED 3 OUTPOSTS IN KY CHANH VILLAGE OF LY TINH DISTRICT WITH 232 ROUNDS OF MORTAR AND RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE BUT INFLICTED ONLY LIGHT CASUALTIES. TWO OF THE OUTPOSTS WERE WITHIN A KILOMETER OF Q.L. 1.

5. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN QUANG NGAI INCREASED DURING THE WEEK. THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING IN EASTERN MO DUC DISTRICT IN RECENT MONTHS WAS REPORTED WHERE COMMUNIST FORCES LAUNCHED SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS AGAINST TWO GVN POSITIONS. A PF PLATOON WAS ATTACKED AND SUFFERED FOUR KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED WHILE TEN VC WERE REPORTED KILLED. AT THE SAME TIME LESS THAN ONE KILOMETER AWAY A RANGER POSITION CAME UNDER HEAVY ATTACK. EIGHT RANGERS WERE KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED IN THE ENCOUNTER. THE COMMUNISTS LEFT EIGHT DEAD BEHIND ON THE BATTLEFIELD. (THE EASTERN MO DUC AREA HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN INTENSIVE PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN IN RECENT MONTHS.) ALSO IN MO DUC, THE DISTRICT TOWN WAS ROCKETED AND MORTARED RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF 20 HOUSES AND THE WOUNDING OF THREE CIVILIANS. COMMUNIST FORCES, SUPPORTED BY A HEAVY MORTAR BARRAGE, ASSAULTED AN RF POSITION 3 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY. SECTOR REPORTS 21 VC KILLED IN THE ATTACK WHILE THE REGIONAL FORCES LOST ONE KIA AND TEN WIA.

6. THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUE TO HARASS PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO MOVE INTO THEIR ZONE. A HAMLET NEAR QUANG NGAI CITY, COMPOSED OF REFUGEES WHO FLED FROM VILLAGES IN EASTERN SON TINH DISTRICT FIVE YEARS AGO, WAS ATTACKED JUNE 17TH. NINETEEN HOUSES WERE BURNED IN THE ATTACK WHICH LEFT THREE CIVILIANS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. ELSEWHERE IN SON TINH, THE PEOPLE OF MY LAI HAMLET WERE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR HOMES WHEN A NEARBY OUTPOST WAS

ATTACKED. FIVE HOUSES WERE REPORTED DESTROYED BY THE VC MORTAR FIRE BUT THE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO RETURN THE NEXT DAY.

7. ICCS:

THERE WERE NO OBSERVATIONS CONDUCTED IN ICCS REGION I. IN REGION II THE INDONESIAN TEAM AT TAM KY MADE TWO OBSERVATIONS IN RESPONSE TO GVN COMPLAINTS. THE IRANIANS AND INDONESIANS BOTH SENT OBSERVERS TO QUANG NGAI CITY ON JUNE 13 TO ATTEND A CONFIDENTIAL

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PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING THE COMMUNIST SHELLING OF BIEN HOA. AN ESTIMATED 15,000 PEOPLE WERE TRUCKED INTO THE CITY FOR THE EVENT.

8. PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, PURVEYORS TO THE ICCS, NOW SUPPLY ONLY 60 LITERS OF GASOLINE PER VEHICLE PER WEEK. EXTRA GASOLINE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FOUR-PARTY INVESTIGATIONS BUT NOT FOR "OBSERVATIONS". THE INDONESIAN HEAD OF DELEGATION IN REGION II HAS ORDERED HIS TEAM SITE LEADERS TO BUY GASOLINE IF NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AN OBSERVATION OF IMPORTANCE, BUT THE SITES OF LESSER CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS MUST GO UNOBSERVED UNLESS THEY OCCUR CLOSE TO THE TEAM SITE. THEREFORE, THERE HAS BEEN SOME REDUCTION OF OBSERVATIONS IN REGION II.

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PART VII - MR-2

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: THE LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR-2 MAINTAINED ITS DOWNWARD TREND THIS WEEK, ALTHOUGH THERE IS CONTINUED CONCERN IN KONTUM OVER THE THREAT TO CHUONG NGHIA AND MANG BUK. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY BRIEFING AT MR-2 HEADQUARTERS THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 135 INCIDENTS. THIS DECREASING TREND BEGAN FOUR WEEKS AGO, WHEN THERE WERE 190 INCIDENTS BRIEFED. INCIDENTS IN BINH DINH INCREASED FROM 52 TO 61, NBUT THE ACTION WAS MAINLY SMALL SCALE ENCOUNTERS BY PATROLS AND ENEMY ATTACKS BY FIRE. IN KONTUM INCIDENTS FELL FROM 49 TO 30 WITH THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION CENTERED AROUND THE AREA NW OF KONTUM CITY. OTHER INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN PLEIKU (16), PHU YEN (10), BINH THUAN (6), QUANG DUC AND KHANH HOA (FOUR EACH), AND DARLAC, LAM DONG, TUYEN DUC AND CAM RANH SECTOR (ONE APIECE). RVNAF CASUALTIES WERE LISTED AS 60 KIA, 172 WIA AND 8 MIA. COMMUNIST CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS 223 KIA AND 7 CIA. THERE WERE 111 AIR STRIKES, WITH 109 IN BINH DINH AND 2 IN NINH THUAN.

2. KONTUM: THE VO DINH OPERATION REMAINED STALLED FOR THE THIRD WEEK NEAR EO GIO, TWELVE KILOMETERS NW OF KONTUM CITY. ACTIVITY IN THE AREA INCREASED SLIGHTLY, WITH SEVERAL SMALL GROUND ATTACKS AND CONTINUED HEAVY SHELLING OF ARVN UNITS. ON JUNE 11, A GROUND ATTACK ON AN ELEMENT OF THE THIRD BATTALION, 44TH REGIMENT, FOLLOWED A MIXED SHELLING ATTACK OF SOME 200 ROUNDS. CASUALTIES IN THE ENGAGEMENT, FOUR KILOMETERS NORTH OF EO GIO, WERE 3 ARVN KIA AND 8 WIA, WITH 15 ENEMY KIA. ON JUNE 14, THE THIRD BATTALION OF THE 44TH RECEIVED 300 MORTAR AND RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, FOLLOWED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE. ONE ARVN WAS REPORTED KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED, WITH TWO MISSING. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 13 KIA, WITH TWO AK-47S SEIZED. OCCASIONAL CONTACTS CONTINUE IN THE OP-5 AREA, THIRTEEN KILOMETERS NE OF KONTUM CITY. ALTHOUGH THE POPULATION IS WILLING TO BE RELOCATED, BAD WEATHER IS REPORTED DELAYING EVACUATION OF SOME 3-4,000 REFUGEES FROM THREATENED GVN ENCLAVES AT MANG BUK AND CHUONG NGHIA. OUR PROVREP REPORTS CHUONG NGHIA CAMP COMPLETELY RECONSTRUCTED, DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ADEQUATE AND STATES THAT CORPS HAS ORDERED THE VILLAGE HELD AT ALL COSTS. THE SITUATION IN MANG BUK IS LESS SATISFACTORY. MAINTAINING ADEQUATE UNIT STRENGTH CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM. DEFENSIVE
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POSITIONS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION. OUR PROVREP ESTIMATES IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT MANG BUK CANNOT SUSTAIN AN ENEMY ATTACK OF ANY SIGNIFICANT SIZE.

3. BINH DINH/PHU YEN: A COMBINED NAVAL-GROUND-AIR OPERATION, MUCH OF WHICH IS NOT BEING BRIEFED, HAS REPORTEDLY RETAKEN FOUR OF THE FIVE VILLAGES IN PHU MY (D), BINH DINH WHICH WERE OCCUPIED BY COMMUNISTS IN FIGHTING OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. ELEMENTS OF 35TH RANGER BATTALION, 47TH REGIMENT, AND SEVERAL RF BATTALIONS WERE COMMITTED AGAINST SOME FIVE ENEMY LOCAL FORCE BATTALIONS. A VC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WAS ATTACKED AT MY THO (V) AND A SAPPER TRAINING CAMP, INCLUDING NUMEROUS BUILDINGS AND SAMPANS, WAS REPORTED DESTROYED. A VARIETY OF WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED, INCLUDING 300 HOME-MADE HAND GRENADES. ENEMY CASUALTIES DURING THE OPERATION, WHICH INVOLVED A FOLLOW-UP IN THE AREA BY THE 201ST RF BATTALION THE NEXT DAY, WERE 20 KIA AND 5 CIA. ACTION IN OTHER AREAS OF BINH DINH WAS PRIMARILY RESTRICTED TO ATTACKS BY FIRE AND ARVN SEARCH OPERATIONS. THE LATTER INCLUDED THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE 47TH REGIMENT ENGAGEMENT WITH A VC UNIT TO THE SOUTH OF NIU MIEU MOUNTAINS IN WHICH 25 VC WERE KIA. ON JUNE 15, HOWEVER, A PF OUTPOST 100 METERS FROM BINH KHE DISTRICT TOWN RECEIVED 50 MORTAR ROUNDS FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATTACK. THREE COMMUNISTS WERE KILLED WITH TWO AK-47S TAKEN. PHU YEN REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET OVER THE WEEK.

4. ICCS: OUR PROVREP REPORTS THAT THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION IN KONTUM AREA SEEMS CONVINCED THAT THE ICCS WILL BE CLOSING DOWN

OPERATIONS COMPLETELY IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THAT ALL PARTIES
IN ICCS WILL LEAVE DUE TO LACK OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THEY COMPLAINED
ABOUT THE TWO COMMUNIST CONTINGENTS AND SAID THEY WERE NOT
RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM SAIGON TO PERFORM ANY INVESTIGATIONS
AND THEREFORE THE ICCS WAS UNABLE TO PERFORM AS A GROUP.

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PART VIII - MR-3

1. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DECLINED SOMEWHAT, NOTABLY IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE, THE COMMUNITIS SUSTAINED WIDESPREAD HIGH LEVEL MILITARY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT MR 3. ACTIVITIES WERE DOMINATED BY THE MAINTENANCE OF A 6-DAY ROADBLOCK ON ROUTE 1 IN EASTERN LONG KHANH PROVINCE BY AN NVA/VC FORCE OF AT LEAST BATTALION STRENGTH, HEAVY ATTACKS NEAR THE MAIN HIGHWAY TO TAY NINH CITY (ROUTE 22) IN SOUTHERN TAY NINH PROVINCE, AND CONTINUED HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE BEN CAT AREA WHERE CONCENTRATED NVA/VC ARTILLERY HAS FORCED WITHDRAWAL OF FRIENDLY ARMOR IN FAVOR OF A SLOWER INFANTRY ATTACK TO ROUT OUT DUG-IN COMMUNIST FORCES AROUND OUTPOST 82 AND RACH BAP. REFUGEES FROM BEN CAT TOWN ARE RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES INDICATING THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE GVN HAS SECURED THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE TOWN. PROSPECTS FOR MR 3 ARE CONTINUATION AND POSSIBLY INTENSIFICATION OF HIGH LEVEL MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2. THE MR 3 MILITARY INCIDENT WEEKLY TOTAL DROPPED TO 244 COMPARED WITH 292 REGISTERED IN THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD. HIGHEST ACTIVITY WAS AGAIN IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE WITH 98 INCIDENTS (128 IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK) FOLLOWED BY LONG KHANH WITH 35 AND TAY NINH WITH 26. MR 3 HQ REPORTED 50 GROUND ATTACKS, 102 ATTACKS BY FIRE (147 LAST WEEK) AND 22 COMBINED GROUND AND ATTACKS BY FIRE. THERE WERE 44 MININGS AND 26 MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS INCLUDING TWO ABDUCTIONS, ONE ASSASSINATION AND 14 SMALL ARMS HARASSMENTS.

3. ARTILLERY AND MORTAR ROUNDS FIRED BY NVA/VC FORCES REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO 2,926 COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S 3,402. GVN ARTILLERY EXPENDITURES TOOK A NOTICEABLE DROP FROM 48,791 ROUNDS LAST WEEK TO 27,719 ROUNDS FOR THIS PERIOD. VNAF FLEW 339 SORTIES AGAINST COMMUNIST POSITIONS AND CLAIMED 423 NVA/VC KILLED BY AIR AND 80 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

4. THE REDUCED COMBAT LEVEL WAS REFLECTED IN SOME DECLINE IN CASUALTIES IN THE REGION. ACCORDING TO MR 3 HQ, THE GVN SUFFERED 90 KIA, 479 WIA, AND 65 MIA COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S 119 KIA, 608 WIA, AND 11 MIA. COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE SET AT 196 KIA, THREE CIA, AND THREE RALLIERS COMPARED WITH 223 KIA, 11 CIA, AND NINE RALLIERS
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REPORTED IN THE PREVIOUS PERIOD. INCLUDED PARTLY IN THESE FIGURES WERE LOSSES SUFFERED IN THE BEN CAT FIGHTING WHICH FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 7 TO 16 WERE REPORTED AT ARVN 25 KIA, 226 WIA, AND 5 MIA COMPARED WITH NVA/VC 73 KIA AND ONE CAPTURED.

5. IN LONG KHANH, WHILE NVA/VC FORCES WERE INTERDICTING ROUTE 1, A COMMUNIST BN (BELIEVED BY PROVINCE HQ TO BE A BN OF THE 33RD NVA REGT REINFORCED BY AN ARTY BN) CONTINUED TO OCCUPY THE BAO BINH AREA OF THE PROVINCE ABOUT 10 KMS SE OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. COMMUNIST FORCES FIRED FOUR MORTAR AND FOUR 122MM ROCKET ROUNDS INTO THE RUNG LA RESETTLEMENT SITE DURING THIS PERIOD RESULTING IN ONE CIVILIAN WOUNDED.

6. IN BINH TUY, AN RF COMPANY DURING A SWEEP IN THE EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 17 CLEARED AWAY TWO COMMUNIST ROADBLOCKS ON ROUTE 1, WHICH HAD BEEN ERECTED DURING THE PREVIOUS EVENING AND MADE CONTACT WITH A COMPANY-SIZED ENEMY FORCE RESULTING IN 4 RF MISSING. BY NIGHTFALL THE SAME RF FORCES REMOVED THREE MORE COMMUNIST ROADBLOCKS ON ROUTE 1 WITHOUT SERIOUS OPPOSITION. AT MID-DAY, ANOTHER RF COMPANY OPERATING A FEW KMS TO THE WEST ENGAGED AN NVA/VC FORCE 500 METERS OFF ROUTE 1 RESULTING IN 12 RF KILLED AND 6 WOUNDED WITH UNKNOWN COMMUNIST LOSSES.

7. ICCS: INDODEL REPORTED THAT ICCS OPERATIONS THIS WEEK WERE LIMITED TO ONE INDONESIAN "OBSERVATION" OF A GVN VESSEL WHICH HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY A VC MINE IN BIEN HOA ON JUNE 12. INDODEL REPORTED THE BIEN HOA TPJMC OFFICE'S INCREASING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE IRANIANS' LENGTHY DELAYS IN DECIDING WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN "OBSERVATION" ACTIVITIES.

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PART IX - MR-4

1. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL ACTIVITY: NUMBER OF INCIDENTS AT MID-MONTH INCREASED AS EXPECTED, BUT INTENSITY OF FIGHTING WAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER. ACTIVITY DROPPED IN NORTHERN DELTA, WHERE VC/NVA MAY BE ENGAGED IN RESUPPLY ACTIVITY, BUT SURGED IN VC MR3. GREATEST INCREASE OCCURRED IN BAC LIEU, WHICH VC MR3 HAS REPORTEDLY SELECTED AS A PRIMARY TARGET FOR JUNE HIGHPOINT. CORPS REPORTS 420 INCIDENTS (310 LAST WEEK) INCLUDING 40 GROUND ATTACKS (33), 256 ABF (205), ONE INFILTRATION (NONE) 106 HARASSMENTS (52), 4 SABOTAGE (2), 11 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (18) AND ONE BETRAYAL (NONE). LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES REMAINED FAIRLY STABLE IN SPITE OF THE

INCREASED ACTIVITY. GVN LOSSES ARE REPORTED AS 159 KIA (138), 724 WIA (690), 29 MIA (43), AND ONE CREW-SERVED (NONE) AND 118 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS LOST. CORPS CLAIMS 509 VC/NVA KIA (616), 16 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (19), AND 34 CREW-SERVED (23) AND 163 INDIVIDUAL (181) WEAPONS SEIZED.

(B) NORTHERN DELTA: IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE, VC/NVA PRESSURE ON OUTPOSTS IN THE KIEN VAN/MY AN BORDER AREA SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT. SECTOR BELIEVES VC/NVA FORCES THERE ARE PAUSING TO ASSESS OUTCOME OF PAST SEVERAL WEEKS EFFORTS AND EXPECTS FIGHTING TO RESUME SOON. MEANWHILE, COMMUNIST ATTENTION HAS SHIFTED TO INFILTRATION OF SUPPLIES. S-2 REPORTS INCREASED AMMUNITION MOVEMENT (ESTIMATED 3 TONS IN TWO DAYS) THROUGH THE PROVINCE, AND INCREASED FIGHTING OCCURRED ALONG INFILTRATION ROUTES IN HONG NGU AND DONG TIEN DISTRICTS. SECTOR EXPECTS A CONTINUED INCREASE IN FIGHTING IN THE AREAS. ROUTE 30, WHICH RUNS THROUGH VC/NVA KIEN PHONG BASE AREAS, CONTINUED TO BE TARGETED WITH FOUR SECTIONS BLOWN UP IN LONG HIEP (V), KIEN VAN (D). COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC WAS DELAYED ONLY BRIEFLY. ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE CONTINUED TO DECLINE WITH GROUND ATTACKS AND CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES FAR BELOW LAST WEEK'S LEVELS. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS IN GIAO DUC AND CAI BE DISTRICTS, EACH WITH ONE OUTPOST OVERRUN. IN THE THIRD OR FOURTH SUCH INCIDENT IN AS MANY WEEKS, A CIVILIAN VEHICLE HIT A MINE ON ROUTE 20 IN CAI BE DISTRICT IN THE LATE MORNING. TWO CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. CHAU DOC AND GO CONG PROVINCES REMAINED QUIET, BUT NORMALLY PEACEFUL AN GIANG PROVINCE REPORTS CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS FIRST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT IN SOME TIME. A 30-MAN VC UNIT MORTARED A COMPANY OF THE 518 RF BATTALION ON THE BA THE CANAL NEAR BA THE MOUNTAIN (HUE DUC DISTRICT) RESULTING IN 6 RF KIA AND 2 WIA. EARLIER THE SAME DAY, THE 518TH HAD CONTACTED AN ENEMY UNIT IN THE SAME AREA RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA AND NO GVN CASUALTIES. WE ARE REPORTING THE KIEN TUONG MILITARY SITUATION BY SEPTTEL.

(C) CENTRAL DELTA: IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE, GVN FORCES CONDUCTED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PATROL OPERATIONS IN OVER A YEAR, CONTRIBUTING TO THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS SINCE EARLY APRIL. THE VC PATTERN OF TERRORISM AND ABDUCTION CONTINUED. THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT WAS AN EXPLOSION IN A RESTAURANT IN BEN TRE WHICH KILLED A GIRL AND WOUNDED FOUR OTHER CUSTOMERS. A CIVILIAN IN HUONG MY DISTRICT AND A DISABLED VETERAN IN TRUC GIANG DISTRICT WERE ASSASSINATED WHILE FOUR CIVILIANS IN HUONG MY, INCLUDING TWO PSDF, WERE KIDNAPPED. VINH BINH PROVINCE REPORTS THREE MINOR SHELLINGS, BUT LIGHT CASUALTIES AND NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS. LONG HUU VILLAGE HQ IN LONG TOAN DISTRICT IS NOW COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY 509TH VC BATTALION AND CAN BE RESUPPLIED ONLY BY AIR WITH GUNSHIP SUPPORT. IN VINH LONG PROVINCE, ACTIVITY OF ALL TYPES INCREASED. VC/NVA CONTINUED ACTIVITY IN VINH LONG/

VINH BINH BORDER AREA WITH MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT A GROUND
ATTACK ON A PF OUTPOST IN TRUNG NGAI (V), VUNG LIEM (D)
RESULTING IN SIX PF MIA. IN ANOTHER ATTACK ON A PF/PSDF
PATROL 7 KM WEST OF MINH DUC DISTRICT TOWN, VC/NVA INFLECTED
ONE KIA, ONE WIA (PHUOC TUONG DEPUTY HAMLET CHIEF) AND 8
MIA. SADEC PROVINCE REMAINED QUIET WITH BOOBY TRAPS
ACCOUNTING FOR MOST INCIDENTS (8 OUT OF 13). IN PHONG DINH
PROVINCE, A CIVILIAN TRUCK DRIVER WAS KILLED BY SNIPER FIRE
ON HIGHWAY 4 AT 1930 HOURS ONE KM FROM THE INTERSECTION
WITH ROUTE 31. A GVN OUTPOST ABOUT TWO KM SSE OF THIS SNIPING
AND ABOUT ONE KM FROM HIGHWAY 4 WAS ABANDONED UNDER
PRESSURE. SUCH ACTIVITY CONTINUES DEP SITE PHONG DINH S-3'S
CONTENTION LAST WEEK THAT 32ND REGIMENT/21ST DIVISION
ELIMINATED THREAT TO ROUTE 4 BY PUSHING 303 AND 307 VC
BATTALIONS BACK TO CHUONG THIEN BORDER. 32ND REGIMENT
CONTINUES TO OPERATE IN THE AREA. IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE,
ACTIVITY CENTERED ON PORTION OF KIEN TAN/KIEN BINH BORDER
THAT LIES ON INFILTRATION ROUTE 1C. PSDF FOUND ONE VC
BODY AND CAPTURED ONE WOUNDED VC ALONG ROUTE 80 IN THE AREA.
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KIEN TAN DISTRICT CHIEF TOLD USAID PROVINCE REP THAT SMALL
INFILTRATION GROUPS WERE CROSSING ROUTE 80 BUT HE HAD NO
MOBILE FORCES WITH WHICH TO INTERDICT THEM. VC/NVA CONTINUED
TO TARGET VILLAGE HQ, FOUR OF WHICH WERE SHELLED WITH NO
SIGNIFICANT RESULTS.

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D. SOUTHERN DELTA: IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE, VC/NVA RESUMED HIT-AND-RUN ACTIVITIES AFTER LAST WEEK'S LULL. ACTIVITY DECREASED IN THUAN HOA AND LICH HOI THUONG DISTRICTS BUT INTENSIFIED ELSEWHERE. VC/NVA TACTIC OF FREQUENTLY SHIFTING AREAS OF ACTIVITY ARE PROBABLY DESIGNED TO AVOID EFFECTIVE GVN RESPONSE AND SPREAD DISILLUSIONMENT WITH GVN ABILITY TO PROVIDE SECURITY. IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE, ACTIVITY INCREASED SHARPLY, PARTICULARLY IN GIA RAI AND PHUOC LONG DISTRICTS. FOUR OUTPOSTS IN NINH THANH LOI (V), PHUOC LONG (D), THREE OF WHICH ARE ON PHO SINH CANAL TO KIEN LONG DISTRICT HQ, WERE UNDER REGULAR SHELLING AND HARASSMENT. S-2 REPORTS SIGHTINGS OF Z-8 BATTALION/NVA D-2 REGIMENT ON CHUONG THIEN/ BAC LIEU BORDER NORTHWEST OF PHUOC LONG AND THE BAC LIEU I BATTALION IN SOUTHEAST PHUOC LONG, ACCORDING TO A 21ST DIVISION SOURCE, VC MR3 PLANS A JUNE HIGHPOINT WITH CHUONG

THIEN AND BAC LIEU PROVINCES SELECTED AS MAIN TARGETS. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, LOC'S FROM CAMAU TO THREE OF THE SIX DISTRICT TOWNS WERE HARASSED AND INTERDICTED FOR VARYING PERIODS. FOUR PREVIOUSLY OVERRUN OR ABANDONED OUTPOSTS IN DAM DOI, HAI YEN AND SONG ONG DOC DISTRICT WERE RETAKEN, WHILE ANOTHER HAI YEN WAS LOST. TWO BATTALIONS OF 31ST REGIMENT/21ST ARVN DIVISION ARE OPERATING IN HAI YEN DISTRICT WHICH WAS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY FOR "LIBERATION" IN A RECENT VC PROVINCE DIRECTIVE. ACTIVITY IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE REMAINED LOW WITH ONLY ONE SIGNIFICANT GROUND ATTACK AGAINST A COMPANY OF 406 RF BATTALION RESULTING IN 8 RF KIA, ONE WIA AND 7 VC/NVA KIA. ATTACK WAS ACROSS ROUTE 31 (CAN THO TO VI THANH) FROM AREA WHERE FOUR GVN OUTPOSTS WERE LOST LAST MONTH. NO FURTHER ACTION HAS OCCURRED SINCE JUNE 14, BUT GVN PRESENCE IN AREA IS WEAK. CONTINUED VC/NVA PRESSURE OR FURTHER VN WITHDRAWALS COULD THREATEN SECURITY OF ROUTE 31.

2. VC ACTIVITIES: KIEN GIANG FARMERS REPORT VC REORGANIZED VILLAGE STRUCTURES ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO TO PARALLEL GVN VILLAGE ORGANIZATION. NEW STRUCTURE CONTAINED COUNTERPART OF GVN SUB-SUBSECTOR COMMANDER. THE FARMERS SAY THAT THE SSS COMMANDER IS A NORTH VIETNAMESE IN CONTESTED AREAS. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. GVN ACTIVITIES: SEVERAL PROVINCES REPORT ACTIVIE DRAFT-DODGER AND DESERTER ROUNDUPS. CHAU DOC REPORTS 36 DESERTERS AND 207 DRAFT DODGERS APPREHENDED LAST WEEK (85 AND 504 SINCE JUNE 4). KIEN HOA OFFICIALS LAST WEEK RAIDED PAGODAS AND ROUNDED UP 39 DESERTERS, 42 DRAFT DODGERS, AND 64 PEOPLE WITHOUT LEGAL IDENTIFICATION

4. ICCS ACTIVITIES: THE IRANIAN DELEGATION TO REGION VII IS UNDER WHAT PROMISES TO BE SHARPLY IMPROVED LEADERSHIP WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF COL. A BEGDELI BY LTC KAZEM KHATIR WHO ARRIVED JUNE 14 FROM REGION IV. IRANIAN-INDONESIAN COORDINATION IS EXPECTED TO BE TIGHTER AND THEIR POLICY ON OBSERVATIONS MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

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